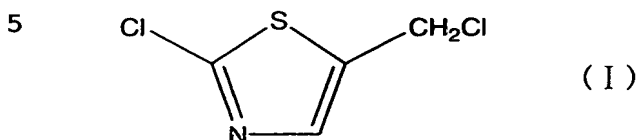


CLAIMS

1. A process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole represented by the formula (I):



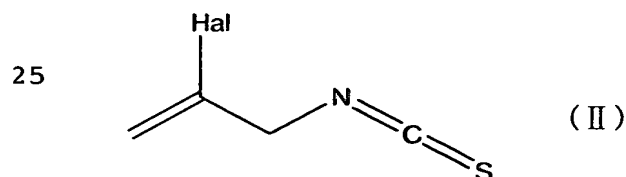
by distillation of a crude product thereof, comprising treating the crude product with a lower alcohol before the distillation.

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2. The process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole according to claim 1, wherein the treatment with the lower alcohol is carried out by adding the lower alcohol to the crude product of 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole, followed by stirring.

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3. The process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the crude product of 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole is a reaction mixture or a residue obtained by distilling the solvent from the reaction mixture, wherein the reaction mixture is obtained by reacting a 2-halogenoallyl isothiocyanate represented by the general formula (II):



(wherein Hal represents a chlorine atom or a bromine atom) with a chlorinating agent in the presence of a solvent.

4. The process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl
-1,3-thiazole according to claim 3, wherein the crude product
of 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl-1,3-thiazole is a residue obtained
5 by distilling the solvent from the reaction mixture.

5. The process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl
-1,3-thiazole according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein
the lower alcohol is methanol.

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6. The process for purifying 2-chloro-5-chloromethyl
-1,3-thiazole according to any one of claims 3 to 5, wherein
Hal is a chlorine atom.